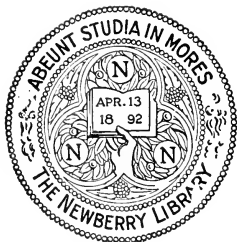


*THE COMMERCIAL CLUB  
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**The  
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**Organized 1878**

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# Constitution

For the purpose of advancing by social intercourse and by a friendly interchange of views, the commercial prosperity and growth of the city of Chicago, the *Commercial Club* is hereby organized, and the following articles of association are agreed to:

1. The Club shall consist of those by whom this constitution is framed, and of such other members as shall hereafter be admitted, provided that the active membership shall in no case exceed the number of sixty—but members who, by removal from the city, cease to be residents, may, by vote of the Executive Committee, become non-resident members of the Club, and members of the Club who have in any way become permanently unable to attend the meetings of the Club may, by a similar vote, become retired members, and any member of the Club who has reached the age of sixty-five years, may, upon his own request, and with the consent of the Executive Committee, become a retired member, and shall be exempt from payment of all dues, except for such meetings as he desires to attend.

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Non-resident and retired members shall not be entitled to vote. The limit of membership named in this section shall apply only to active members.

III. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who, with three other members, shall constitute an Executive Committee. They shall be elected at the January meeting.

III. Nominations for membership shall be made to the Executive Committee, and, if approved by them, shall be reported to the Club by their names being placed on the notices of the next meeting after such approval, and shall be balloted for at that meeting for election. Five votes in the negative shall exclude a candidate for admission. An entrance fee of Five Dollars shall be paid on admission.

IV. The Club shall meet monthly, commencing in October and ending in April, and on the last Saturday of the month, except at such times as the Executive Committee may think it advisable to change the day, when

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they shall have authority to do so. The place of meeting shall be designated by them.

V. Any member, with the permission of the Executive Committee, may invite one guest to attend each meeting of the Club, but no guest shall be present on the invitation of the same member on more than two occasions during the Club year except by special invitation of the Club itself.

VI. Any member absenting himself from three consecutive meetings of the Club without sending a satisfactory explanation to the Secretary, shall be considered as having withdrawn from the membership and his name may be stricken from the rolls by the Executive Committee.

VII. In the admission of members, due regard shall be had, so far as practicable, to the branch of business in which they are engaged, so that the various commercial interests of the city shall be fairly represented in the Club.

VIII. An assessment of Sixty Dollars shall be made at the beginning of each year, on each member, to defray the expenses of

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the regular entertainments of the year. It shall be within the discretion of the Executive Committee to drop from the roll of membership of the Club, any member who has been duly notified of dues and failed to pay the same.

¶. Whenever, in the judgment of a majority of the members of this Club, determined by vote at any regular meeting, any member shall be deemed to have disgraced himself, or it shall be held that his further continued membership would disgrace the Club, it shall be competent for the Club, by a majority vote of all the members, to terminate such membership; *provided*, such person be given opportunity to appear at the next meeting before final action is taken.

¶. Every member unable to attend a regular meeting of the Club shall send a written notice to the Secretary, giving the reason for intended absence—such notice to be mailed or sent in time to reach the Secretary by the morning of the day in which the regular meeting is held. Any member failing

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to comply with this rule or whose reason for non-attendance may be unsatisfactory to the Executive Committee shall be fined Ten Dollars. Meetings of the Club shall take precedence of all social engagements.

XII. These articles may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the Club; notice of the proposed amendment having been given at a previous meeting.

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Retired Members will receive notice from the Secretary of all meetings, but must advise him if they intend to be present, otherwise no place at the table will be reserved for them. They will be entitled to invite a guest and will pay the regular charge for dinner.

# List of Officers

From Organization to Date

1878

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Levi Z. Leiter
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	John W. Doane
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

Executive Committee

Anson Stager                      Edson Keith  
William T. Baker

1879

<i>President</i> . . . . .	John W. Doane
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Anson Stager
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

Executive Committee

Edson Keith                      Otho S. A. Sprague  
James W. Oakley

1880

<i>President</i> . . . . .	John W. Doane
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Nathaniel K. Fairbank
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

Executive Committee

Henry J. Macfarland              Franklin MacVeagh  
Augustus A. Carpenter

## List of Officers

### 1881

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Orrin W. Potter
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Albert A. Sprague
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

#### Executive Committee

Henry J. Macfarland	John M. Clark
James H. Walker	

### 1882

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Albert A. Sprague
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	William T. Baker
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

#### Executive Committee

George C. Walker	Elbridge G. Keith
William A. Fuller	

### 1883

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Augustus A. Carpenter
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Marvin Hughitt
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Anthony F. Seeberger
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

#### Executive Committee

John Crerar	Richard T. Crane
Erskine M. Phelps	

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1884

<i>President</i> . . . . .	John M. Clark
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	George M. Pullman
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Anthony F. Seeberger
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

### Executive Committee

Byron P. Moulton	Adolphus C. Bartlett
John J. Janes	

1885

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Franklin MacVeagh
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	George M. Pullman
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	John B. Drake
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

### Executive Committee

John DeKoven	Lyman J. Gage
Thomas Murdoch	

1886

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Lyman J. Gage
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Adolphus C. Bartlett
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Louis Wampold
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

### Executive Committee

Alexander C. McClurg	Charles Fargo
Cyrus H. McCormick, Jr.	



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### 1887

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Adolphus C. Bartlett
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Eliphalet W. Blatchford
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Charles L. Hutchinson
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

Marshall Field	Otho S. A. Sprague
J. Harley Bradley	

### 1888

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Eliphalet W. Blatchford
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Charles L. Hutchinson
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	William Munro
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

Charles B. Holmes	James L. Houghteling
William E. Strong	

### 1889

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Charles L. Hutchinson
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Elbridge G. Keith
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	William Munro
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

Henry H. Porter	William G. Hibbard
William E. Strong	

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## 1890

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Elbridge G. Keith
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Marvin Hughitt
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	William Munro
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

### Executive Committee

Philip D. Armour	Turlington W. Harvey
John J. Glessner	

## 1891

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Marvin Hughitt
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Turlington W. Harvey
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Harlow N. Higinbotham
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

### Executive Committee

Edward E. Ayer	Eugene Cary
Martin A. Ryerson	

## 1892

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Turlington W. Harvey
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Alexander C. McClurg
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

### Executive Committee

Henry W. King	Norman B. Ream
William H. Rand	

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### 1893

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Alexander C. McClurg
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	William T. Baker
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

Franklin H. Head	Christoph Hotz
Francis B. Peabody	

### 1894

<i>President</i> . . . . .	William T. Baker
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	John B. Drake
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

Francis B. Peabody	Otho S. A. Sprague
Henry B. Stone	

### 1895

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Henry W. King
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	George C. Walker
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

Erskine M. Phelps	Louis Wampold
Robert A. Waller	

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### 1896

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Francis B. Peabody
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Henry B. Stone
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

Charles B. Farwell	Melville E. Stone
William J. Chalmers	

### 1897

<i>President</i> . . . . .	John J. Glessner
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Eugene Cary
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

William A. Fuller	Cyrus H. McCormick
J. Harley Bradley	

### 1898

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Eugene Cary
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Cyrus H. McCormick
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

William A. Fuller	John M. Clark
Robert. C. Clowry	

## List of Officers

### 1899

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Cyrus H. McCormick
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	H. N. Higinbotham
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	H. J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

Elbridge G. Keith	Albert A. Sprague
H. H. Kohlsaat	

### 1900

<i>President</i> . . . . .	William J. Chalmers
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Martin A. Ryerson
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

Marshall Field	Edward B. Butler
David B. Jones	

### 1901

<i>President</i> . . . . .	William A. Fuller
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	David B. Jones
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	John J. Janes

#### Executive Committee

James L. Houghteling	Edward P. Ripley
Rollin A. Keyes	

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### 1902

<i>President</i> . . . . .	David B. Jones
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Edward E. Ayer
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Charles F. Kimball
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	Rollin A. Keyes

#### Executive Committee.

Adolphus C. Bartlett	John A. Spoor
John V. Farwell, Jr.	

### 1903

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Martin A. Ryerson
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	J. Harley Bradley
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Charles F. Kimball
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	Rollin A. Keyes

#### Executive Committee.

Thies J. Lefens	Albert J. Earling
James H. Eckels.	

### 1904

<i>President</i> . . . . .	J. Harley Bradley
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Edward B. Butler
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Charles F. Kimball
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	Rollin A. Keyes

#### Executive Committee

George E. Adams	Byron L. Smith
Charles H. Wacker	

## List of Members

- 1899 Adams, George E. . . . . Real Estate  
 1901 Armour, J. Ogden . . . . . Pres. Armour & Co.  
 1889 Ayer, Edward E. . . . . Ayer & Lord Tie Co.  
 1882 Bartlett, Adolphus C.  
     Pres. Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co.  
 1898 Barton, Enos M. . . . . Pres. Western Electric Company  
 1881 Bradley, J. Harley . . . . . Pres. David Bradley Mfg. Co.  
 1901 Brown, William L. . . . . Pres. American Ship Bldg. Co.  
 1899 Buckingham, Clarence . . . . . John H. Wrenn & Co.  
 1900 Burnham, Daniel H. . . . . Architect  
 1897 Butler, Edward B. . . . . Pres. Butler Brothers  
 1903 Carpenter, Benjamin . . . . . Geo. B. Carpenter & Co.  
 1901 Carter, Leslie . . . . . Pres. South Side Elevated R. R. Co.  
 1887 Cary, Eugene . . . . . Mgr. German-American Ins. Co.  
 1894 Chalmers, William J. . . . . Pres. Allis-Chalmers Co.  
 1877 Clark, John M. . . . . Chairman Chicago Telephone Co.  
 1899 Earling, Albert J. . . . . Pres. C. M. & St. P. R'y  
 1899 Eckels, James H. . . . . Pres. Commercial National Bank  
 1898 Eckhart, Bernard A., Pres. Eckhart & Swan M'l'g Co.  
 1898 Farwell, John V., Jr. . . . . Treas. J. V. Farwell Co.  
 1877 Field, Marshall . . . . . Marshall Field & Co.  
 1902 Forgan, James B. . . . . Pres. First Nat. Bk.  
 1877 Fuller, William A. . . . . 171 LaSalle St.  
 1884 Glessner, John J.  
     Vice-Pres. Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Company  
 1902 Hamill, Ernest A. . . . . Pres. Corn. Ex. Nat. Bk.  
 1889 Head, Franklin H. . . . . Room 1107, 134 Monroe St.  
 1887 Higinbotham, Harlow N. . . . . Room 513 The Rookery.  
 1884 Houghteling, James L., Peabody, Houghteling & Co.  
 1878 Hughitt, Marvin . . . . . Pres. C. & N. W. R'y Co.  
 1900 Hulburt, Charles H., Pres. Elgin National Watch Co.

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1882	Hutchinson, Charles L.	
	Vice-Pres.	Corn Exchange National Bank
1903	Insull, Samuel	Pres. Chicago Edison Co.
1898	Jones, David B.	Pres. Mineral Point Zinc Co.
1900	Keep, Chauncey	Vice-Pres. Raymond Lead Co.
1899	Keyes, Rollin A.	Franklin MacVeagh & Co.
1879	Keith, Elbridge G.,	Pres. Chicago Title & Trust Co.
1897	Kimball, Charles F.	
	Pres. and Treas.	C. P. Kimball & Co.
1891	Kohlsaat, Herman H.	H. H. Kohlsaat Company
1899	Lawson, Victor F.	Pres. Chicago Daily News Co.
1898	Lefens, Thies J.	Real Estate
1898	Lincoln, Robert T.,	Pres. The Pullman Company
1885	McCormick, Cyrus H.,	Pres. International Harvester Co.
1877	Macfarland, Henry J.	M. D. Wells & Co.
1878	MacVeagh, Franklin	Franklin MacVeagh & Co.
1898	Mitchell, John J.	Pres. Ill. Trust & Savings Bank
1901	Morton, Joy	Joy Morton & Co.
1887	Peabody, Francis B.	Peabody, Houghteling & Co.
1878	Phelps, Erskine M.	34 Wabash Ave.
1890	Ream, Norman B.	The Rookery
1898	Ripley, Edward P.	Pres. A. T. & S. F. R'y
1888	Ryerson, Martin A.	204 Dearborn St.
1901	Shedd, John G.	Marshall Field & Co.
1898	Smith, Byron L.	Pres. Northern Trust Co.
1899	Spoor, John A.	Pres. U. S. Yards and Transit Co.
1877	Sprague, Albert A.	Sprague, Warner & Co.
1901	Swift, Louis F.	Pres. Swift and Company
1898	Wacker, Charles H.	Real Estate
1878	Walker, George C.	Real Estate
1903	Warren, William S.	Pres. Hulburd, Warren Co.



## Retired Members

Blatchford Eliphalet W.  
Carpenter, Augustus A.  
Crane, Richard T.  
Harvey, Turlington W.

Murdoch, Thomas  
Nelson, Murry  
Potter, Orrin W.  
Rand, William H.

## Non-Resident Members

Richard M. Bissell	.	.	.	.	.	.	Hartford
Andrew Brown	.	.	.	.	.	.	New York
William Chisholm	.	.	.	.	.	.	Cleveland
Robert C. Clowry	.	.	.	.	.	.	New York
John M. Durand	.	.	.	.	.	.	New York
A. J. Forbes-Leith	.	.	.	.	.	.	Scotland
Lyman J. Gage	.	.	.	.	.	.	New York
Levi Z. Leiter	.	.	.	.	.	.	Washington, D. C.
William Munro	.	.	.	.	.	.	London
Henry H. Porter	.	.	.	.	.	.	New York
Otho S. A. Sprague	.	.	.	.	.	.	California
Melville E. Stone	.	.	.	.	.	.	New York

## Necrology

### DIED

Solomon A. Smith . . . . .	November, 1879
Edward S. Stickney . . . . .	March, 1880
James M. Walker . . . . .	January, 1881
Richard C. Meldrum . . . . .	April, 1881
George Armour . . . . .	June, 1881
John C. Coonley . . . . .	October, 1882
Charles P. Kellogg . . . . .	April, 1883
Anson Stager . . . . .	March, 1885
John W. McGenniss . . . . .	May, 1885
George C. Clarke . . . . .	April, 1887
Martin Ryerson . . . . .	September, 1887
John Crerar . . . . .	October, 1889
William E. Strong . . . . .	April, 1891
Uri Balcom . . . . .	November, 1893
John B. Drake . . . . .	November, 1895
Charles M. Henderson . . . . .	January, 1896
Edson Keith . . . . .	November, 1896
James W. Oakley . . . . .	January, 1897
Henry B. Stone . . . . .	July, 1897
George M. Pullman . . . . .	October, 1897
Louis Wampold . . . . .	February, 1898
Henry W. King . . . . .	April, 1898
John DeKoven . . . . .	April, 1898
W. C. D. Grannis . . . . .	August, 1898
Robert A. Waller . . . . .	February, 1899
Charles Fargo . . . . .	October, 1900
Philip D. Armour . . . . .	January, 1901
John Wesley Doane . . . . .	March, 1901
Alexander Caldwell McClurg . . . . .	April, 1901
John Spragins Hannah . . . . .	July, 1901
Anthony Frederick Seeberger . . . . .	July, 1901

## Necrology

### DIED

John James Janes . . . . .	August, 1901
Nathaniel Kellogg Fairbank . . . . .	March, 1903
Charles Benjamin Farwell . . . . .	September, 1903
William Taylor Baker . . . . .	October, 1903
William Gold Hibbard . . . . .	October, 1903
Elias Taylor Watkins . . . . .	December, 1903
Christoph Hotz . . . . .	January, 1904
Hermon Beardsley Butler . . . . .	February, 1904

## **Subjects discussed at the several meetings of the Commercial Club**

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1878

**January 19.** The purpose, scope and best method of conducting this Club.

**February 16.** Compromise with fraud.

**March 30.** The situation in our municipal affairs.

**April 27.** The situation in our municipal affairs.

**May 29.** Diversion of trade.

**October 26.** Our city streets.

**November 30.** Taxation.

**December 28.** Taxation.

## **Subjects Discussed**

**1879**

**January 29.** Our Club: Its past and future.

**February 22.** The Military, as protectors of property, local and National.

**March 29.** Legislative interference, congressional, state and municipal, with private rights.

**April 26.** Should the higher schools be supported by public taxation.

**May 31.** Sunday laws: To what extent ought they to be enforced in the interest of a good municipal government and the welfare of the citizens ?

**October 25.** Discussion informal.

**November.** Omitted.

**December 6.** Special, and dinner given to Gen. U. S. Grant on his return from his tour around the world.

**December.** Omitted.

## Subjects Discussed

1880

**January 31.** Do we need a bankrupt law ?

**February 28.** Our sewerage; the public system and that of our homes; what are the defects and the possible remedies?

**March 27.** Has Chicago not reached a period in its growth when special attention should be paid to the fostering of art, literature and science?

**April 24.** What is the best pavement for our streets and boulevards ?

**May 29.** Should not the commercial prosperity of great cities be attended by the cultivation of art, literature, science and comprehensive charities, and the establishment of art museums, public libraries, industrial schools and free hospitals ?

**October 30.** Nuisances afflicting Chicago; chiefly smoke, steam whistles and bad streets.

**November 27.** The coming session of the Legislature; legislation needed ?

**December.** Meeting omitted—" Christmas."

## Subjects Discussed

1881

**January 29.** The Club.

**February 26.** Disposition of Chicago sewerage.

**March 26.** Our license laws and their bearing on the expenses of our city government.

**April 30.** The need of a half-holiday in Chicago.

**May 28.** Our bridge system; its relation to commerce and the city's business interests.

**November 26.** Does punishment follow crime in this community? If not, why?

**December 31.** The right of the State to interfere in the affairs of public corporations.



## Subjects Discussed

1882

**January 28.** How can the city best raise sufficient revenue to efficiently carry on the different branches of its government?

**February 25.** What can be done to suppress or check gambling in this city?

**March 25.** The need of a school for industrial training in Chicago.

**April 29.** Consolidation of our various charities under one system.

**May 27.** Special banquet in honor of the St. Louis and Cincinnati Commercial Clubs.

**October.** Omitted.

**November 25.** Paper read by Mr. Blatchford on the "Training School."

**December 30.** Need of a State license law to regulate the sale of alcoholic and malt liquors.

## Subjects Discussed

1883

**January 27.** What is the most desirable method of increasing the revenue of the city, and to what extent should it be increased?

**February 24.** Use and abuse in the disposition of charities.

**March 30.** The open and increasing immorality in this city; can anything be done to lessen it?

**April 28.** Need and practicability of a scheme to provide cheap and good houses for working people.

**May 26.** Is it practical in matters of dispute in commercial transactions to substitute some system of arbitration for reference to court and juries?

**October 27.** Desirability at future reunions of Commercial Clubs in cities to set apart a portion of one day to discuss the commercial interests of the various cities represented by the Clubs.

**November 24.** Complimentary and farewell to Lieut.-Gen. P. H. Sheridan.

**December 29.** Hennepin Canal.

## Subjects Discussed

1884

**January 26.** Should the United States government undertake transmission of telegraphic messages as they now undertake the transmission of letters by mail?

**February 23.** What are the causes of the present depression of commercial and industrial interests?

**March 29.** Legislative blackmail and municipal corruption: Cause and remedy.

**April 26.** Silver as money: What should be the position of the Government relative thereto?

**May 31.** What should be the character and limitations of instruction at public schools?

**October 24.** Informal; principally in regard to Training Schools.

**November 29.** Is speculation an injury or a benefit to the general business interests of the country?

**December 27.** Unemployed laborers: What obligations rest upon the city or citizens for their support? What measures are practicable on the part of employers to diminish their numbers? Can any plan of employment, public or private, be devised that will provide them with at least a bare living?

## Subjects Discussed

1885

**January 31.** December subject continued.

**February 28.** What should be done to prepare for the possible advent of cholera the coming season?

**March.** Omitted, in respect to memory of General Anson Stager.

**April 25.** Should nominations and appointments to municipal offices be made on business principles to the entire exclusion of partisan considerations?

**May 30.** Should the citizens of Chicago make the necessary efforts to secure the location of the new Artillery School and Military Station near Chicago?

**October 31.** What course of governmental action relative to gold and silver coinage will, if taken, best subserve our industrial and commercial interests?

**November 28.** Ought the difference in freight rates between car lots and less than car lots be abolished?

**December 26.** The Press: Its power for good and evil. How can we promote the one and discourage the other?

## Subjects Discussed

1886

**January 30.** Our Club: Its past history; its future possibilities.

**February 27.** January subject continued.

**March 27.** Is it advisable for the citizens of Chicago to make the necessary efforts to secure the location of the new Artillery School and Military Station near Chicago?

**April 24.** The eight-hour movement; its advantages, disadvantages, and probable results.

**May 29.** The late civil disorder; its causes and lessons.

**October 30.** Abstracts of title, Cook County: Evils and dangers of present system: What reforms are needed?

**November 27.** Social and industrial antagonisms: What can be done to avert the evils they threaten?

**December 18.** Drainage and water supply of the City of Chicago.

## **Subjects Discussed**

**1887**

**January 29.** Our Club: Reflections, criticisms and suggestions.

**February 26.** Bucket Shops and Pool Rooms; Their danger to the business interests of the city. How can they be suppressed?

**March 26.** The saloon in politics.

**April 30.** Should the theaters of Chicago be closed on Sundays?

**June 11.** Special meeting and banquet to the Boston Commercial Club.

**October 29.** Our duty, as citizens, to the State.

**November 26.** The Clubs of Chicago: Their influence in this city.

**December 31.** American citizenship: What legislation, if any, is desirable to control the immigration of foreigners to this country?

## Subjects Discussed

1888

**January 28.** Monopolies: Their effect upon the public.

**February 25.** Commercial union with Canada.

**March 31.** What are the best means of preventing pauperism and crime?

**April 28.** Railroads: The obligations of the management to the stockholders, the employes and the public?

**October 27.** Sunday Laws: To what extent ought they to be enforced in the interest of good municipal government and the welfare of its citizens?

**November 24.** Rapid transit for Chicago.

**December 31.** The Interstate Commerce Law: Its effect upon the railroads and the business of the country since it has been in operation.

## Subjects Discussed

1889

**January 26.** Our Club: What has it accomplished? What are our duties as members?

**February 23.** The indifference of the intellectual classes to politics; causes and remedies.

**March 30.** Legislative interference with vested and private rights.

**April 27.** Reflections and criticisms upon the subjects and discussions during the past year.

**October.** Omitted, in respect to memory of John Crerar.

**November 30.** Social and economical aspects of the eight-hour movement.

**December 28.** Employers and employed: Their relative rights and reciprocal duties.



## Subjects Discussed

1890

**January 25.** Public libraries: Their uses, influence and administration.

**March 1.** Manual Training: How to get it.

**March 29.** Do we need a bankrupt law? If so, what should be its main provisions?

**April 26.** Nuisances afflicting Chicago, chiefly smoke, filthy streets and alleys.

**October 25.** Has Chicago not reached that period when special attention should be given to the founding of art galleries and museums? Will the World's Columbian Exposition be of any benefit to this city in that direction?

**November 29.** Is the cause of education best served by our present public school system?

**December 27.** What shall be done to obtain good municipal government for Chicago?

## Subjects Discussed

1891

**January 31.** The relation of the colleges to the development of the Northwest, and the relation of the business men to the colleges.

**February 28.** How can the safety and comfort of our citizens and strangers be assured, and the city made more attractive during the World's Exposition?

**March 28.** Our Citizen Soldiers: What obligations rest upon the State for their support?

**April.** Omitted.

**October 31.** Entertainment of the Boston, Cincinnati and St. Louis Clubs.

**November 28.** A World's Fair Memorial.

**December 26.** Omitted.

## Subjects Discussed

1892

**January 30.** The smoke nuisance.

**February 22.** Our country, and the influence of World's Fairs on commerce.

**March 26.** The situation in our municipal affairs.

**April 30.** Is it desirable and feasible to elevate the tracks of the steam railroads within the city limits?

**October 29.** The Allied Arts: As illustrated in the construction of the World's Columbian Exposition.

**November 26.** In view of a possible epidemic of cholera in Europe during the coming year, ought not Congress take immediate action restricting immigration?

**December 31.** Social Science: How may individuals be trained for their partnerships in the community?

## Subjects Discussed

1893

**January 28.** The World's Columbian Exposition: The relation of the departments to the advancement of industry, science and art.

**February 25.** How can the cleanliness of this city be best promoted during the coming year?

**March 25.** Would the administration of our state and municipal governments be improved if conducted under civil service reform law?

**April 29.** Nicaragua Canal: Its effects upon commerce.

**October 28.** A review of the World's Fair, with reference to its permanent influences and results. (Meeting adjourned in consequence of assassination of Mayor Harrison.)

**November 25.** A review of the World's Fair, with reference to its permanent influences and results.

**December 30.** What is the present duty of Chicago or its citizens towards its unemployed laborers?

## Subjects Discussed

1894

**January 27.** Upon what terms should the city grant franchises for the use of its streets and alleys?

**February 27.** Has the Interstate Commerce Law proved beneficial to the business interests of the country?

**March 31.** Will anti-option legislation by Congress be beneficial to the business interests of the country?

**April 28.** Is International Bi-metalism practicable and desirable?

**October 27.** Our currency: What are its defects? What remedies are practicable? Would a National Commission help promote reform?

**November 24.** How can the evils of our present system of taxing real and personal property and levying special assessments be reformed?

**December 29.** What should be done with the Lake Front?

## Subjects Discussed

1895

**January 26.** How can municipal reform be best promoted?

**February 23.** To hear report of committee appointed to visit Springfield in interest of municipal reform.

**March 30.** How shall municipal affairs be relieved from the strain of party affiliation so as to insure the perfect working of the merit system?

**April.** Omitted. Members absent.

**October.** Omitted. St. Louis excursion 23d and 24th.

**November 30.** Review of our recent trip to St. Louis.

**December 28.** The financial situation in our municipal affairs. What is the remedy?

## Subjects Discussed

1896

**January 25.** What can be done to reform the inequalities of the present system of taxing real and personal property?

**February 29.** What should be the settled policy of the United States in its relations to other powers? What is the reasonable construction of the Monroe Doctrine, and on what occasions should it be invoked?

**March 28.** What, if anything, can be done to more thoroughly safeguard the morals of the youth of this city?

**April 25.** Civic reform.

**October 31.** The Amendment to the Constitution to be voted upon at the election of November third; the necessity for its adoption; the reform to be accomplished under it.

**November 28.** Charity Organization: The scheme and purpose of the work; the necessity for its existence as a preventive of pauperism and crime.

**December 24.** Our Facilities for Commerce: Should the river channel be widened and deepened?

## Subjects Discussed

1897

**January 30.** The Supreme Court of the United States: Its place and function in the government; its permanence and independence are essential to the existence of the Republic.

**February 11.** Special: Complimentary to Hon. Lyman J. Gage.

**March 29.** What can be done to make Chicago more attractive?

**April 24.** Should municipal elections be kept free from party politics?

**October 30.** What change, if any, should be made in the system of assessment for taxation?

**November 27.** Would an Exposition Building on the lake front be of any advantage to Chicago?

**December.** Omitted. Christmas.



## Subjects Discussed

1898

**January 29.** The annexation of Hawaii.

**February 26.** The monetary commission and its work.

**March 26.** The significance of the coming municipal election.

**April 30.** The Cuban situation.

**October 29.** The Philippine Islands: The duty and policy of the United States in reference thereto.

**November 26.** What I saw in India. Rev. John H. Barrows.

**December 31.** The need of Monetary Legislation.

## Subjects Discussed

1899

**January 28.** What are Chicago's most urgent needs?

**February 18.** Open door in China: Complimentary to Lord Charles Beresford.

**March 25.** Our duty and responsibility toward juvenile offenders.

**May 13.** Electricity. Nikola Tesla.

**October 16.** Complimentary banquet to the President of the United States.

**November 25.** Our municipal improvements: Those most needed and how to obtain same.

**December 30.** Our Club.

## Subjects Discussed

1900

**January 27.** Liquid Air. Prof. Charles E. Tripler.

**February 24.** How can juvenile offenders be cared for and reformed?

**March 31.** The effect of the non-enforcement of the law upon the development of the city and upon individual rights.

**April 28.** The Peace Conference at The Hague.

**October 27.** Should the Federal Government appropriate funds for water storage and arid land reclamation?

**November 24.** Our Merchant Marine: What should be done to promote and encourage it?

**December 29.** Justice courts: What reforms are needed?

## Subjects Discussed

1901

**January 26.** The consideration of the report of the Committee appointed at the meeting held last April, to formulate a plan for the care of juvenile offenders.

**February 22.** The practicability of land colonization as a remedy for city congestion and consequent poverty and vice.

**March 30.** Omitted.

**April 27.** Complimentary to Mayor and Common Council.

**October 26.** Reciprocal trade with the Dominion of Canada.

**November 30.** Taxation.

**December 28.** Omitted.

## Subjects Discussed

1902.

**January 25.** The Isthmian Canal.

GEORGE S. MORISON, NEW YORK.

REV. RICHARD D. HARLAN.

**February 22.** The Americanization of the World.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP, NEW YORK.

REV. JOHN G. K. McCLURE.

**March 22.** The financial aspect of the Chicago Public School question.

JOHN S. MILLER, ELBRIDGE G. KEITH.

REV. PLEASANT HUNTER.

**April 26.** Representation of Cook County in the Legislature.

WALTER L. FISHER, EDGAR A. BANCROFT, JOHN

H. HAMLINE, A. C. BARTLETT.

REV. FRANK DEMOULIN.

**October 25.** Our relations with Cuba.

GEN. JAMES H. WILSON, U. S. A.

REV. HERBERT L. WILLETT.

**November 29.** The relation of University Education to Commerce.

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.

REV. WILLIAM R. NOTMAN.

**December 27.** The Louisiana purchase: Its purpose and scope.

HON. D. R. FRANCIS, ISAAC S. TAYLOR, F. J. V.

SKIFF, ISAAC W. MORTON, WM. T. BAKER,

H. N. HIGINBOTHAM.

REV. THADDEUS A. SNIVELY.

## Subjects Discussed

1903.

**January 31.** Twenty-fifth anniversary.

A. C. BARTLETT, A. A. SPRAGUE, MURRY NELSON, WILLIAM T. BAKER, ERSKINE M. PHELPS, JOHN M. CLARK, GEORGE C. WALKER, FRANKLIN MAC VEAGH.

BISHOP CHENEY.

**February 28.** Is the college an efficient institution?

DR. HENRY S. PRITCHETT, PRESIDENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

REV. FRANK W. GUNSAULUS.

**March 28.** The proposed Constitutional Amendment.

JOHN M. CLARK, H. S. MECARTNEY, E. ALLEN FROST, JOHN S. MILLER, B. E. SUNNY, REV. THADDEUS A. SNIVELY.

**April 25.** How may Chicago be made more interesting and attractive?

FRANKLIN MAC VEAGH, FLETCHER DOBYNS, DANIEL H. BURNHAM,

REV. Z. B. PHILLIPS.

**October 14.** American good citizenship.

HONORABLE GROVER CLEVELAND,  
REV. FRANK W. GUNSAULUS.

**November 28.** The Alaskan boundary case.

HONORABLE JACOB M. DICKINSON,  
REV. WILLIAM O. WATERS.

**December 26.** Omitted.

## Subjects Discussed

1904

January 30.

February 27.

March 26.

April 30.

October 29.

November 26.

December 31.



















